THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (c) A suggestion about the possibility of freezing the advertisement rates of Doordarshan for a period of two years and broadening the base of Doordarshan advertisers as opposed to relying on rate increases, is contained in the Report of the Committee set up to make recommendations for increasing Doordarshan's commercial revenue.

Interviews/Introduction of the Members of the 10th Lok Sabha

1255. SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI:

KUMARI ALIA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to telecast interview/introductions of the Members of Tenth Lok Sabha, who have been elected for the first time;

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be telecast; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons there for?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (c) Doordarshan has already telecast interviews with some Members of Parliament who have been elected for the first time to the Tenth Lok Sabha. Telecast of interviews with other such Members of Parliament would depend upon the programme exigencies of Doordarshan.

Fixed time slots for Private Producers

1256. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the private producers are likely to have fixed time slots on the four metropolitan channels of Doordarshan;

(b) if so, whether any decision has been taken in this regard; and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are also considering any proposal to telecast Doordarshan Programmes for people across the borders; and

(d) if so, when the proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b) The matter is under active consideration.

(c) and (d) Extension of Doordarshan programmes to cover larger areas within India through satellite does have a spill over in neighbouring countries where such programmes can be received on TV with an appropriate dish antenna.

..Access of U.S. Film Industry to the Country

1257. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BRODCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have entered into an agreement with the U.S. Film Industry for market access for U.S. films into this country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Exhibition of Uncertified Video Films

1258. DR SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have recently been reports to the effect that uncertified video films are being shown in many States/Union Territories;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps the State/Union Territory Governments have taken during the last